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: METHOD FOR MAKING A LOW OHMIC PRESSURE-CONTACT

ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE RING ELECTRODE

UNDER SURFACE AND THE LEAD WIRE

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(b), enclosed is FORM PTO/SB/08A/B listing the references that are known to applicant. A copy of the International Search report is enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

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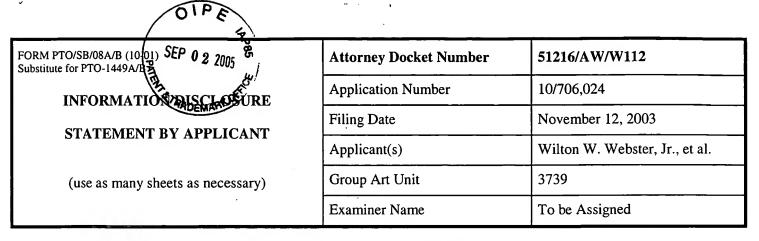
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